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RAILWAYS
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SECURITY GADGETS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have expressed its inclination to equip the railway stations with the latest security gadgets available as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated March 22, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the updated position with regard to equipping the railway stations with the latest security gadgets in each division of the Railways particularly zone and division situated in Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the expenditure incurred/ proposed to be incurred by the Railways for providing security equipment in its divisions during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir. As per intelligence inputs, Indian Railways is a soft target for terrorists in India and a few cases of attack from terrorists and anti social elements on rail network have been reported over Indian Railways.

(b) 185 Railway Stations including 17 metro stations of 50 divisions over Indian Railway have been identified as sensitive where security systems are proposed to be Aupgraded.

(c) The following steps have been taken/are being taken to provide adequate security at all the important railway stations including South East Central Railway, East Central Railway and South Eastern Railway of Jharkhand state.

1. Modern security gadgets like- Close Circuit Televisions and Cameras, Deep Search Metal Detectors, Scanner Machines, etc. are being installed.

2. Sniffer Dogs are being/have been deployed for checking of Coaches, Parcels, Baggage, station area and searching of explosives.

3. Round the clock announcements over Public Address system as well as by Mega phones by Railway Protection Force to alert the public in coaches.

4. Use of Hand Held Metal Detectors and Door Frame Metal Detectors to conduct anti-sabotage checks in trains and at stations.

5. Communication system of Railway Protection Force has been improved by providing Mobile phones, walkie-talkies, Very High Frequency sets etc.

(d) Rupees 149,23,19,769/- are spent/ to be spent on vetted and sanctioned proposals during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.